

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Chappey *et al.* Confirmation No.: 4793
Serial No.: 10/612,603 Art Unit: 1648
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For: COMPOSITIONS AND Attorney Docket No.: 11068-0065-999
METHODS FOR
DETERMINING
SUSCEPTIBILITY OF A
PATHOGENIC VIRUS TO
PROTEASE INHIBITORS



RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated November 10, 2005, for the above-identified patent application, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group I, encompassing Claims 1, 2, 7, 8 and 12-42, drawn to methods for determining whether a human immunodeficiency virus type 1 has an increased likelihood of having a reduced susceptibility to treatment with a protease inhibitor.

Enclosed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time for one month up to and including January 10, 2006.

Applicants fully reserve the right to pursue non-elected subject matter in one or more later filed divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part applications.

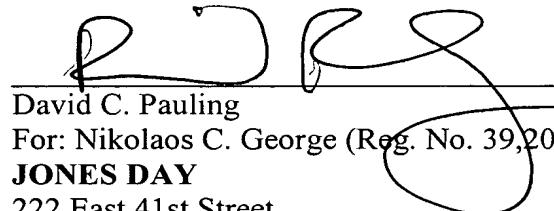
Applicants believe that the claims of the instant application meet all of the conditions for patentability and are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

No fees, other than that for the Petition for Extension of Time, are believed to be due with this response. However, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (a)(3), the Commissioner is

authorized to charge all required fees, or credit any overpayment, to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013 (949677-999065).

Respectfully submitted,

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